



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

de la MONTE *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/380,203

§ 371 Date: April 25, 2000

For: **Transgenic Animals and Cell
Lines for Screening Drugs
Effective for the Treatment or
Prevention of Alzheimer's Disease**

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Examiner: Whiteman, B. A.

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Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was issued in the above-captioned patent application on January 26, 2006. According to the Notice, the Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, filed by Applicants on January 4, 2006¹ ("the January 4th Response"), is considered non-compliant because "[t]he drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as 'Replacement Sheet,' 'New Sheet,' or 'Annotated Sheet' as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d)."

Applicants note that no new drawings or drawing amendments were submitted with the January 4th Response; however, Exhibit A was submitted with the response. Exhibit A is a copy of a figure from another patent application (PCT/US94/04321) and was not

¹ Although the Notice refers to the "amendment document filed on 01/03/06," the Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 was actually filed on January 4, 2006.

intended to be added as part of the present patent application. In order to prevent any future misunderstandings, Applicants submit herewith a revised copy of Exhibit A. The revised copy of Exhibit A is identical to the copy of Exhibit A included with the January 4th Response except that the figure reference "FIG. 16R" has been removed and the designation "EXHIBIT A" has been added to this document.

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Notice and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant
Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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